GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:701
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TRIPS AGREEMENT
Barman Shri Ranen

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is considering any steps related to data protection in accordance with Article 39.3 of TRIPS agreement;

(b) whether providing data exclusivity in agro-chemicals is being considered by the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): As suggested by Department of Commerce, an Inter- Ministerial Consultative Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals was constituted by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals on 19.2.2004 to look into the steps to be taken by the Government in the context of the provisions of Article 39.3 of the TRIPS Agreement for the protection of undisclosed information in respect of agrochemicals and pharmaceuticals. The Report has since been submitted to the Department of Commerce on 31.5.2007 and the same is also available on the Website of the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals www.chemicals.gov.in.